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1. UK to recognize Jordan annexation of Arab Palestine--
A British Foreign Office official, in discussing with US Ambassador Douglas in London British plans for recognizing Jordan's annexation of Arab Palestine, expressed the Foreign Office views that: (a) the time had come to back King Abdullah against the Arab League; and (b) recognition of the annexation would provide a good opportunity for the UK to extend de jure recognition to Israel. The official expressed the hope that the US would also recognize the annexation but declared that the UK would probably go ahead with its plans anyhow.

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2. YUGOSLAVIA: Attitude on Trieste--US Ambassador Allen in Belgrade has been informed by Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Popovic that although Yugoslavia still desires to settle the Trieste question by direct negotiation with Italy, his government believes that "no Italian government could make a satisfactory compromise settlement at the present time." Popovic added that the Yugoslav Government was convinced that it would be best for all concerned to let the Trieste question "remain quiet for a while."

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs with the above views.)

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